

Amendment No. 1 to HB0372

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Tom Cronan Physical Education Act."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1021, is amended by adding the following language as new subsections:

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(1) In addition to the integration of physical activity into the instruction school day according to subsection (a), each LEA shall require each student in elementary school to participate in a physical education class that meets at least two (2) times per full calendar week during the school year. The total physical education class time each full calendar week shall be no less than sixty (60) minutes. The physical education class shall be taught by a licensed teacher with an endorsement in physical education or a specialist in physical education.

(2) The physical education class shall meet the needs of students of all physical ability levels, including students with disabilities who shall participate in moderate physical activity to the extent appropriate as determined by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, compiled in 20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq., Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act compiled in 29 U.S.C § 701 et seq., or the student's individualized education program. An accommodation or alternative physical activity shall be provided for children with disabilities, if necessary.

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(3) A student shall be excused from a physical education class for medical reasons as long as the student provides the school with a written note from a physician licensed under title 63, chapter 6 or 9, a nurse practitioner licensed under title 63, chapter 7, or a physician assistant licensed under title 63, chapter 19.

() An LEA shall file an annual report, as required by the commissioner of education, verifying that the LEA has met the physical education requirements of subsection (a).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.